

Portugal

Advising Center Network

The Fulbright EducationUSA center in Lisbon offers group advising on specific topics and regular outreach seminars at major universities and interested high schools. The center provides online resource guides on undergraduate and graduate studies and internship opportunities. In 2008/09, the advising services will expand to include virtual group advising through webinars.

Recent Trends: US Study 1.1%

- ▶ The decrease in the number of Portuguese student enrollments in the US has slowed.
- ▶ The number of in-person center inquiries has seen a slight decrease. The advising center expanded and improved its online services.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: health professions, engineering, and hard sciences.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: tennis, football (soccer), and golf.

Resource Links

Fulbright EducationUSA Advising Center: www.fulbrightcenter.org

Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education: www.mctes.pt/index.php?id_lingua=1

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Portuguese	Portuguese
Years of study required:	3 years of non-mandatory education at high school;	3 years of study at a tertiary institution: licenciatura; 2 years: mestrado; at least 3 years: doutoramento
Grading system & US equivalent:	0-20 (A-F) 19-20 (A/A+) 17-18 (A-) 16 (B+) 15-16 (B) 14 (B-) 13 (C+) 12-13 (C) 12 (C-) 11 (D+) 10-11 (D) 9 and below (F)	3.8-4.0 = 96-100 3.5-3.7 = 90-95 3.2-3.4 = 87-89 2.9-3.1 = 83-86 2.6-2.8 = 80-82 2.3-2.5 = 77-79 2.0-2.2 = 73-76 1.6-1.9 = 70-72 1.2-1.5 = 67-69 1.0-1.1 = 61-66 0.0-0.9 = 60
Scholarship for US studies:	Students and advisers rely on the EducationUSA Weekly Update and the www.educationusa.state.gov/finaid.htm resource link	

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ Outreach advising sessions at major Portuguese universities
- ▶ Webinars

Partnering with EducationUSA Portugal

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advisers in Portugal to discuss specific project ideas for 2008/09.

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Program Highlights: 2007

- ▶ Organization of the Triennial European EducationUSA Conference in Lisbon
- ▶ Participation at the Global Ambassador Program of the University of South Florida
- ▶ Group sessions held at Portuguese Universities about study in the US



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ All major public universities in Portugal which, by an agreement, have accepted to establish secondary information centers at their international affairs offices
- ▶ University of Lisbon and several private universities

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	845	854
Total number of center inquiries:	5,226	5,804